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President Barack Obama (above right) salutes as he disembarks Air Force One at the Waterloo Municipal Airport on Jan. 14. United States Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker (above left) joins the president during his visit to Cedar Falls Utilities. Student reporters from Cedar Valley Today covered the president's visit live.— **Rut Nastiti**/*CEDAR VALLEY TODAY*

President in Iowa

Wartburg students report on President Obama's visit to Cedar Falls and rural broadband

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As President Barack Obama touched down in Air Force One last Wednesday and drove to Cedar Falls Utilities to speak on the importance of broadband Internet access, eight Wartburg students reported live.

Lucas Wendland, Kaitlyn Williams, Rut Nastiti, Calyn Thompson, Jeanne Edson and Kristina Alexsander all covered the president's arrival and speech for Wartburg Television. Ashley Davis and Alyssa Kozak assisted local TV station KWWL.

"It was fantastic to do a coverage of President Obama's visit to Iowa. Honestly it was really cold but in the end the cold meant nothing because you get to see the president," Nastiti said.

"I feel really proud of our team at Cedar Valley Today because we were the only college reporters at the airport and we take journalism on a whole different level. It was definitely a great experience."

The president came to Iowa in his second ever visit to recognize Cedar Falls for its gigabit Internet. The city joins others, including Kansas City and Omaha, as a city currently providing gigabit Internet.

"Today, tens of millions of Americans have only one choice for that next-generation broadband, so they're pretty much at the whim of whatever Internet provider is around," President Obama said. "And what happens when there's no competition? You're stuck on hold. You're watching the loading icon spin. You're waiting, and waiting and waiting."

Right now, 98 percent of Americans have access to the most basic level of broadband, but 45 million Americans cannot purchase next-generation broadband, the president said. It is expected that fast broadband will keep the existing businesses in town and will attract new ones, which will create jobs.

Waverly is one of the next cities to get gigabit Internet, as Waverly Light and Power is hoping to provide that service, Darrel Wenzel, general manager of Waverly Light and Power, said.

"We will appear before the Board of Trustees on Feb. 10 to make this historic decision," Wenzel said.

President Obama spoke about the importance of high speed Internet and broadband. — **Lucas Wendland**/*CEDAR VALLEY TODAY*

Cedar Valley Today's Calyn Thompson reports from in front of Air Force One in Waterloo. — **Rut Nastiti**/*CEDAR VALLEY TODAY*

Air Force One pulls up on the tarmac at the Waterloo Municpal Airport the morning of Jan. 14. — **Rut Nastiti**/*CEDAR VALLEY TODAY*

Allix Williamson graduated high school with her Associate Degree from Iowa Central Community College. — Submitted photo

Associate Degrees uncommon for students

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As college classes are becoming more available to high school students, four-year colleges are seeing some students entering with their Associate Degree.

Allix Williamson, a third-year at Wartburg, has done just that. She started at Wartburg in 2013 with an Associate Degree from Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge.

"If you can handle the time management, I would recommend it to save a lot of money. If you cannot schedule yourself that well, I would not recommend taking this on," Williamson said.

Williamson said she did it to get general education credits that transferred to Wartburg out of the way, saving time and money.

Williamson said when she started college, she jumped right in to the classes in her major: journalism and public relations.

"I had to take RE and IS 101, but otherwise I've been all communication arts classes all the time which is really nice," Williamson said.

Obtaining an Associate Degree while in high school was very time consuming, Williamson said. During her last semester of high school Williamson took 11 classes. The high school Williamson attended has a dual enrollment program with Iowa Central, so she was able to take some of the classes online and some at her high school.

Starting college with an Associate Degree is seldom seen according to Dr. Edith Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management.

"There are a lot of students who come in with at least three course credits from high school, so more or less the equivalent of one term. But in terms of having done enough work in high school to have an Associate Degree, that's quite rare," Waldstein said.

Although these credits are available, Waldstein does not believe it is the best option. Universities are unaware of what content is covered and if the information taught provides students with the knowledge needed to succeed in the next-level class, she said.

Wartburg has a recommended list of community college classes for students to take. Waldstein believes this option is better.

"Even though we would still say you would be better off taking this class here, if you've taken it [at a community college] we think is at a level that is good enough and content-wise catches up well enough that we will give you credit for," Waldstein said.

This list is available on the Registrar's website.

President Barack Obama recently announced his proposal that would make two-year community colleges free for students who maintain a 2.5 GPA, according to Newsweek. The proposal is called "America's College Promise," and supporters of the proposal hope it will increase employment and the number of students.

Waldstein said she believes Obama's proposal could do more harm than good.

"I think it will strengthen the trend that is already occurring which is that students who are capable of entering excellent four-year colleges and doing four years there, will be tempted to do their first year or two at a community college," Waldstein said.

If Obama's "America's College Promise" is implemented, enrollment at four-year universities and private colleges like Wartburg could be greatly impacted, critics have said.

Although the case of Williamson entering college with her Associate Degree is unusual, it may become more common with free access to community colleges.

"I think it will provide valuable opportunities for students who would not be able to obtain a college education," said Williamson.

Not a day off: Wartburg prepares for MLK week

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At some colleges, Martin Luther King Jr. Day might mean a Monday with no classes.

At Wartburg College, it means six days with opportunities for students to make a difference.

"The week is all about the average citizen standing up and doing something and serving their fellow man," Kristin Teig Torres, advisor of the Volunteer Action Center, said.

The service projects and educational opportunities planned for this week represent a collaboration between multiple organizations on campus. The VAC and Student Diversity Programs are working together to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

The week began with a showing of the movie "Freedom Writers" on Jan. 18 in the McCaskey Lyceum. The movie is based on a book in which a teacher inspires her at-risk students to pursue higher education.

Another highlight of the week is the service projects on Monday.

Tawanda Murinda, student director of the VAC, said 15 service projects were organized in the Cedar Valley.

The service projects are a culmination of months of preparation, with students from Wartburg working with community organizations for months to ensure participating students will have a meaningful experience.

The types of work students could sign up for ranged from sorting donated items at Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, to making blankets for Bremwood Lutheran Home, to playing card games with people at North Star Community Services.

"It's important for students to look around them and see the needs that the people in the community have," Murinda said.

"Serving not only benefits the community but it will also come back to the students themselves as a learning opportunity and as an expression of gratitude for the life and the things that they have."

Teig Torres believes it is important for Wartburg students to get involved and work together for a common cause.

"Serving one another, lending a helping hand and being kind to one another was Martin Luther King Jr.'s goal in life. He died trying to make that happen and we still have a long way to go in civil rights," Teig Torres said.

Participating in MLK Week events is one way to keep his legacy alive, she said.

New to MLK Week this year is a diversity activities fair on Tuesday in the Saemann Student Center. This event highlights student groups on campus and organizations in the community that focus on diversity.

Murinda said MLK Week has special significance to him because he wants to live his life through helping others.

"MLK Week allows students to get an appreciation of what others are going through and also help them get more connected with their community," he said.

"I have a passion for serving others and this is one way for me to get involved."

MLK Week Schedule January 18 - 23

Sunday 18	Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wednesday 21	Thursday 22
McCaskey Lyceum: showing of movie "Freedom Writers" 7 p.m.	**Service Projects**	**St. Elizabeth and Heritage Rooms in Saemann Student Center:** Diversity Activities Fair 5-7 p.m.	**Wartburg Chapel:** MLK Chapel with message by The Rev. Anthony Scott 10:15 a.m. Wartburg Chapel: MLK Lochans 9:30 p.m.	**McCaskey Lyceum:** Diversity dialogue "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere" 11:30 a.m.

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International student reflects on past and remains hopeful for bright future

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The Civil War in Bosnia began in 1992, right around the time Wartburg international student Milica Njezic was born.

Njezic's mother moved her to Serbia to live with her grandmother and avoid the violence of the war. Njezic was still at risk of danger in Serbia, as several bombings took place there throughout the next several years.

"The only clear memory I have is the sound of the sirens, and my grandma carrying me over the street on her hands," Njezic said.

Njezic said nothing tragic happened to her family during these difficult times, but with religion playing a big role in these wars, she came to realize how this made an impact on them.

"My father was actually Muslim, so the reason why I couldn't grow up with him is because he was another religion and that was not safe," Njezic said.

Njezic moved back to Bosnia right before elementary school and stayed there until moving to the U.S. for college.

Young Milica Njezic with her grandmother in Serbia. Njezic lived with her grandmother to avoid violence in Bosnia. — Submitted photo

"I think that was the hardest thing that I ever had to do: to leave my mother and my country," Njezic said. "I would probably never leave if my country gave me the opportunity I deserve."

Now as a fourth-year student studying international relations and public relations, Njezic said she also loves writing and art.

Njezic's friends all agree she has put her time at Wartburg to good use while being an inspiration to others.

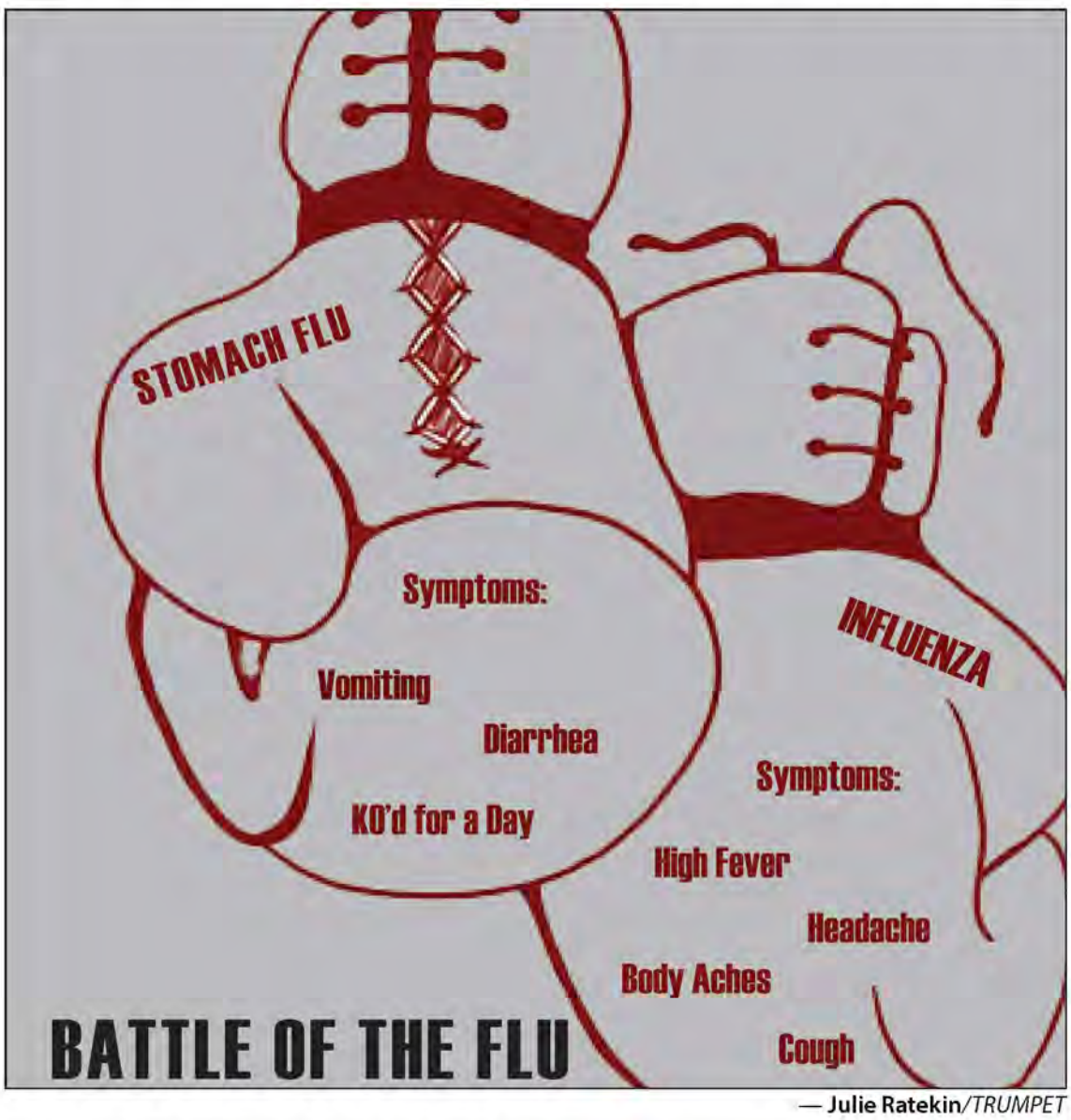
"The way she talks, the way she acts, the way she lives shows you that she is a person that is going to be successful in life," Mauricio Gutierrez, a friend of Njezic's, said.

Zukhro Sokhibova, another friend of Njezic, said she is a very positive and outgoing person.

"Whoever she meets no matter how different their personalities are, she always knows how to talk to them," Sokhibova said.

Njezic said although her childhood wasn't perfect, it taught her a lot, which has made her a stronger adult.

She plans to get a job that will allow her to stay in the U.S. after she graduates in May of 2015.



— Julie Ratekin/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg West gaining headlines

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Wartburg West is hitting newsstands nationwide in an article published in the January 2015 issue of The Lutheran.

Bonita Bock, co-director of Wartburg West, said she is delighted the program is included in the magazine.

"The article does a very good job of capturing the essence of Wartburg West," she said.

"I enjoyed that the church was doing an outreach program among people of different religions to promote peace and understanding."

—Alexia Brewster

Alexia Brewster reads the January 2015 issue of The Lutheran. The featured article discussed Wartburg West's partnership with a Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver. —Jessica Grant/*TRUMPET*

The article's main focus is Wartburg West's partnership with Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver.

Bock said the partnership in May 2013 was a "win-win for everyone."

The fact that the author named so many students who attended Denver last fall speaks about the strength of the program, Bock said.

"It demonstrates the strength of commitment to longevity, the vision for continued growth, and especially the on-going fact that Wartburg West has always had many classrooms: the courses themselves, the internship placements, and the involvement in the community of Denver," Bock said.

Alexia Brewster studied at Wartburg West in the fall of 2013. She said the ability to attend classes in the cathedral and study in the cathedral's park was a valuable experience.

"The building itself is insanely beautiful," Brewster said.

"I think the article in The Lutheran does a good job of describing how important it is for the program. We did community service for the church so there was just a really good relationship between Wartburg and Saint John's."

An added benefit of the partnership with the cathedral was opportunities to get involved with the community, Brewster said.

"We had a lot of multi-faith discussions at the cathedral which I really appreciated," she said.

"I enjoyed that the church was doing an outreach program among people of different religions to promote peace and understanding."

It came as no surprise to Bock that the program would be featured in the magazine.

She knew that when an institution as respected as Saint John's partnered with Wartburg College it would be national news.

"Saint John's would only partner in this way because of the long and respected reputation of Wartburg West locally," Bock said.

The article also describes the benefits of the program and the different opportunities it gives students.

The author writes that not only is the urban environment great incentive for students to study there, but the internships are also valuable as they can set students apart from their peers after graduation.

"Going to Wartburg West helped me figure out what I want to do with my life and that was mostly due to my internship," Brewster said.

Bock thinks the article may increase interest in the program for prospective students, and "students who plan wisely for their vocations and careers after college will take note."

This is the first time Wartburg West has been featured in this publication.

The Lutheran is the magazine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

A Wartburg professor strives to be one less

Dr. Ann Henninger, a biology professor, has had breast cancer twice during her 33 years working at Wartburg College, but she is determined not to be another statistic.— Karina Devine/*TRUMPET*

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Last year, over 38,000 women died from breast cancer in the United States. Dr. Ann Henninger strives to not be one of those numbers.

Henninger has been teaching in the Science Department at Wartburg for 33 years and counting.

During that time, she battled breast cancer in 1995 and in 2010. Henninger has had both of her breasts removed and has been cancer-free since 2010.

With no kids of her own, Henninger considers her students to be her kids and family. This is one of the reasons why she made a promise to them to help her fight the cancer.

"I just decided, it doesn't matter what caused this... What matters is to fight it."

—Dr. Henninger

"[I] essentially said to them, I've just been diagnosed with breast cancer, I had surgery, I'm going to have chemo, but I'm also going to be here in four years when you graduate," Henninger said.

Fighting cancer was not an easy journey. However, her determination to watch her students graduate and continue her favorite hobby of gardening are some of the things that kept her going.

"I just decided, it doesn't matter what caused this. It doesn't matter if I did something to cause it, it doesn't matter if it was just sporadic because at that point it wasn't running in our family," Henninger said. "What matters is to fight it. And I think I just had that attitude that we're going to survive."

For Henninger, Wartburg has been more than just a workplace. It has provided community and many special relationships with students like Amy Dunleavy.

"She knows me much more than 'Oh there's Amy Dunleavy. She's my SI for Drugs and Personal Health' but instead she knows, 'Oh that's Amy Dunleavy. She's transitioned this far since freshman year,'" Dunleavy said.

Dunleavy said Henninger is the type of person that wants all of her students to succeed and will do everything in her power to help them do that.

Today, Henninger is one of the founders and leaders of the Bremer County Breast Cancer Education Support Group.

Through this experience Henninger encourages people to see life as a gift and to live in the moment.

What is breast cancer?

According to the National Breast Cancer website, breast cancer occurs when unneeded or damaged cells form in the tissue of the breasts.

Facts everyone should know about breast cancer:

-It is the most common cancer among women and is the second leading cause of death in women.
-Men can get breast cancer, too. The National Breast Cancer website estimated that over 2,000 men will be diagnosed every year.

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Two masked gunmen forced their way into the offices of Charlie Hebdo, a satirical magazine in Paris, on Jan. 7. After they fired over 50 shots with assault rifles, 12 people were killed, eight of whom were journalists. The gunmen, later identified as brothers Chérif and Saïd Kouachi, fled the scene. They were killed by police two days later. The brothers had connections with Muslim extremist groups and are believed to have attacked the magazine because of its insensitivities toward Muslims. The incident has sparked protests (some peaceful, some violent) in numerous former French colonies and has raised international concern over the freedom of speech. "Je suis Charlie" means "I am Charlie" and has become a sign of solidarity. Members of the Trumpet staff sat down with Wartburg students and staff who were affected. - Jessica Grant, Editor-in-Chief, and Amanda Groff, Asst. News Editor.

We were really shocked:

Yanis Lahmeri was stunned.

"We were really shocked and we didn't really realize what had happened," he said. "I talked a lot with my family...and they were scared." Lahmeri is an exchange student from France who is studying at Wartburg.

"The tragedy is affecting all the country," he explained. "My father and my grandmother are Muslim and they were ashamed of this even though they didn't do anything. They were ashamed for something they didn't do."

Baptiste Veyssy, also an exchange student from France, said the concept of someone going into a newspaper office and shooting people is unbelieveable to him. He cannot fathom it.

Although the attack itself was over in a matter of minutes, it's clear that its repercussions will remain for years.

The attack on France has the same significance for the French as 9/11 does for Americans, Dr. Doriott Anderson, assistant professor of French, said.

Veyssy said the reaction has been international. "Whatever your country, it's really shocking," he said.

The entire world is concerned:

After the attack on Charlie Hebdo, over 40 world leaders gathered in Paris to march in the anti-terrorism rallies. Noticeably absent from the march was a top representative from the United States.

Speaking to the French people at a later time was U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

"I appreciated the reaction from John Kerry because he spoke in French. By speaking in French, he was showing that he was sharing our sense and our feelings about what happened," Veyssy said.

Kerry apologized for the lack of U.S. support earlier in the week.

Doriott Anderson said she thinks the entire world is concerned right now. "Something that affects France...really affects us," she said.

Since the shooting, Wartburg students and teachers have been rallying around Veyssy and Lahmeri to make sure they are OK.

"Personally I was very surprised that a lot of people knew about what happened," Lahmeri said. "I was really grateful because a lot of people came to see me and ask me how I was feeling. That was really nice support."

Willing to die for their freedoms:

Should the staff at Charlie Hebdo have known that an attack could have occurred and taken steps to prevent it? Perhaps they did know - the magazine had received threats in the past. Doriott Anderson said several of the cartoonists stated that they were willing to die for their freedoms.

Although what occurred in Paris could have caused some publications to be fearful of publishing controversial messages, it seems that the opposite has occurred. There has been overwhelming support for Charlie Hebdo. Even if people do not agree with what the magazine publishes, they are advocates for the right of the magazine's freedom to print.

"These are issues that affect journalists everywhere," Doriott Anderson said. She admits that it can be a difficult decision for journalists to decide what to publish, and that "there's no easy answer."

Freedom of the press may seem like an unalienable right, but Jan. 7 has shown this is not the case in all parts of the world.

Lahmeri believes that despite this attack, newspapers will continue to print what they think people need to know.

Stronger than what happened:

In the wake of an attack of this magnitude, one would expect that the magazine would not publish a new issue for a while; however, this was not the case. Less than a week after the shooting, Charlie Hebdo published a new edition featuring the Prophet Muhammad on the cover.

According to an article published on Reuters website, the cover features a tearful Muhammad with the saying, "All is forgiven." This movement shows that the magazine is standing strong in the midst of sadness.

"If they had stopped, they would have shown that the terrorists and these people won," Veyssy said.

Lahmeri said the magazine cover shows a really good reaction because he believes what they drew was not an offense—the Prophet wasn't drawn in bad taste.

"They [Charlie Hebdo] showed that they are stronger than what happened," Lahmeri said.

Usually 60 thousand copies of the magazine are printed. The last issue sold out in a matter of minutes. The print run for the last issue has now been increased to 7 million.

A source of solidarity:

In the aftermath of this devastating attack, Lahmeri and Veyssy say they see signs of hope for the future.

"I hope it's going to unify the country and not the opposite because it could be a source of many tensions, but also a source of solidarity," Lahmeri said.

Doriott Anderson said she hopes people do not confuse religion with extremism, as there is no way to justify what happened.

Lahmeri agreed that people might be hateful toward Muslims even though most Muslims disagree with what happened.

"It's going to be difficult for French people to make a difference between terrorist people and the big majority of moderate Muslims," he said. "Even if the majority of the Muslim community didn't like this newspaper and what it was doing, they completely disagreed with the shooting."

Charlie Hebdo remains a very important newspaper for France, Veyssy said.

"Society can take symbols to defend and promote values... [Charlie Hebdo] became a symbol for the freedom of speech for the French people."

Students should consider benefits of hard work

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A society has been built that is dependent on prompt feedback, immediate results, instant gratification and cheap products.

People want to get to the top as quickly as possible by whatever means necessary. When times have gotten difficult, the reset button has been pushed or a cheat code is applied so that challenging levels can be bypassed.

People think about how something will impact them without considering the effects on others. While many may not see these situations as problems, over time our thirst for the most convenient answer that provides us with the greatest immediate return costs us as individuals and as a society.

We need to do a better job of making short-term sacrifices for long-term rewards. We have the ability to determine if we will settle for minimal satisfaction immediately or sacrifice a little now to receive (or give) greater rewards later.

It may involve a business major taking that unpaid internship within his field of choice over the part-time employment opportunity outside of his profession.

An education major might opt for traveling that extra 20 minutes to participate in a field experience with an exemplary teacher rather than lobby for a close placement with an average educator.

It could mean an athlete paying her dues as a backup for three years before finally getting the opportunity to start and represent her institution on the field of play rather than quitting or transferring to a mediocre college.

People can continue to use shortcuts to get to the next level, or they can persevere through the challenges knowing the strength that adversities allow them to build.

People can complete tasks with haste to simply get them done, or they can slow the pace and forfeit time for quality. People can focus on themselves and their needs, or they can ask others how they can be helped.

The decision is ultimately yours, but consider taking the time to develop (or for some, reinforce) a solid foundation to support your mind, body and soul.

Focus on building a comprehensive and extensive base that is balanced by both breadth and depth. Once in place, it can be built upon without worrying about its integrity.

After establishing an extensive foundation, you can eventually enjoy the long term rewards which are usually more significant and meaningful. It is up to you to determine how you will live your life.

Do you build on sand or bedrock? Which way is the Wartburg way?

Green Tip: Heat conservation

Courtesy of the EcoReps

As the cold weather sets in, it is tempting to turn up the heat. However, raising the temperature on the thermostat uses a large quantity of energy. This in turn uses excess amounts of fuel and eventually adds to the cost of tuition. Instead of turning up the dial on the heaters, students can make more sustainable choices such as wearing additional layers, wrapping up in a blanket, or adding motion to your routine, such as crunches or jumping jacks at intervals.

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New blog shares faith experiences

Student-created blog shares stories of faith diversity at Wartburg

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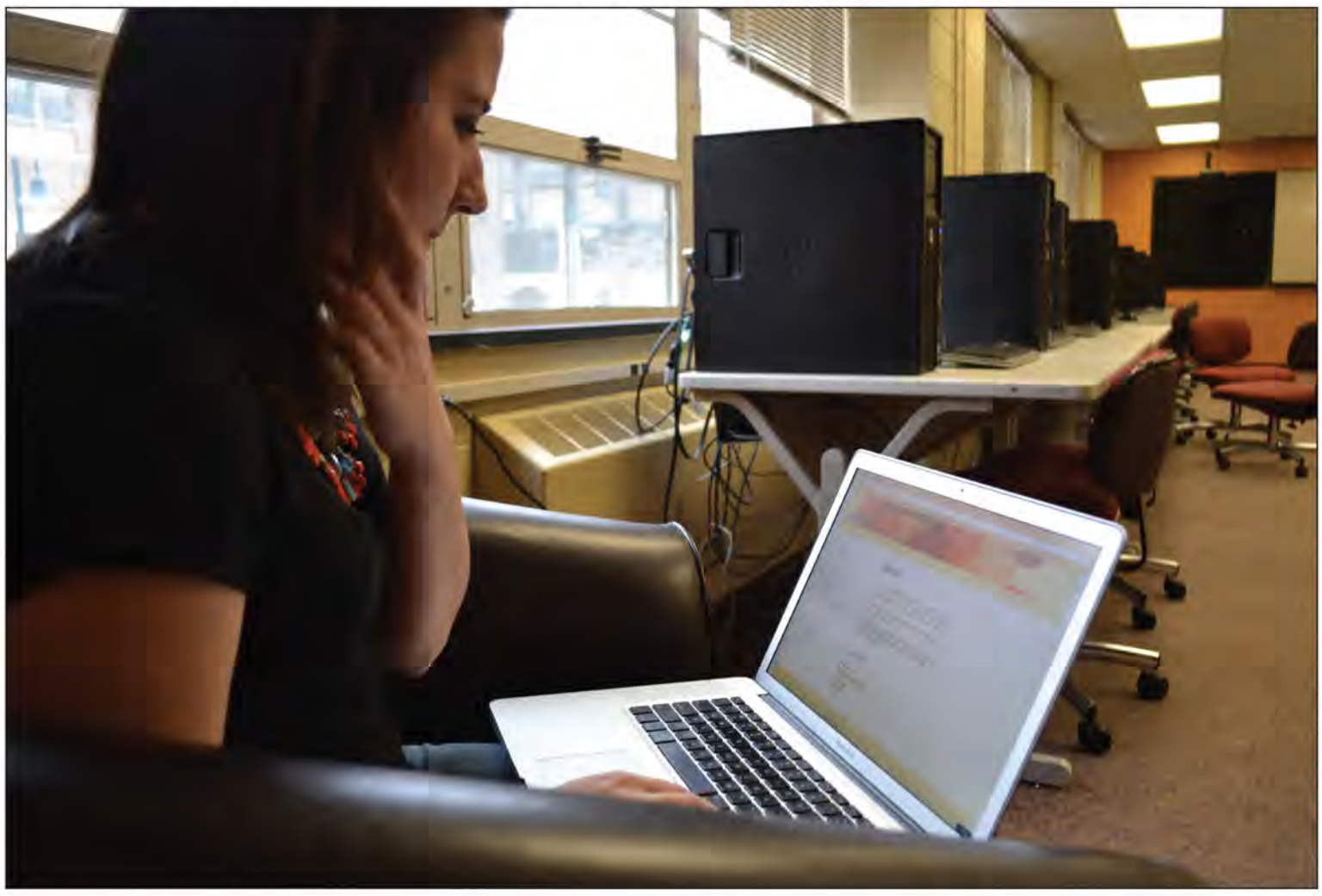

Wartburg student Nichole Lyons had the idea to start a blog that shares the stories of people of different faiths. She said that it will hopefully raise awareness for different faiths on campus and show how inclusive Wartburg is despite affiliation with the ECLA. —**Dan Haack**/*TRUMPET*

A new blog on campus lets students share stories of their faith and beliefs, Nichole Lyons, blog creator, said.

She added that the Spiritual Life & Campus Ministry department started the new blog hoping to show others the diversity of faiths at Wartburg. It is also a way to increase the department's online content.

"We want to share faith stories of people on campus, whether it be faculty, staff or students," Lyons said.

"And it's not just the Christian faith, it's not just the Lutheran faith, but we want to share faith stories from everybody on campus regardless if you have a faith or not."

The blog has been running for about three weeks, Lyons said.

The amount of people that have shared has been minimal even though the blog has been advertised, Lyons said.

"We posted it [the blog] on Facebook and then we announce it at Eucharist on Wednesday nights," Lyons said. "I've only had one person contact me with a story. So we would like to have more."

Pastor Brian Beckstrom said the blog is a great way for students to share their stories and hear what people have to say about them.

"We are kind of raised in the Midwest to not talk about our faith or lack of it," Beckstrom said.

"The most important thing I find about the blog with students is that it opens things up with them and they can actually tell their story and other people are going to learn from that and take something out of it."

Lyons said the blog is not restricted to words, but any way to spread your message.

"We aren't turning anyone away. It doesn't have to be a story, but it can be something you drew, a picture you took, a video you did or a song you wrote," Lyons said. "We really want it to be multimedia and not just words because that is just boring."

While the focus for the blog is Wartburg's campus, alumni are welcome to share their personal stories too, Lyons said.

Both Lyons and Beckstrom agreed the most exciting part of the blog is getting the conversation of faith started on Wartburg's campus.

Each story will be posted on the Faith@Wartburg Wordpress website and shared on the "Wartburg College: Spiritual Life & Campus Ministry" Facebook page.

If you would like to share your faith journey or beliefs with the online community, contact Lyons at nichole.lyons@wartburg.edu.

Fast-food delivers despite bad weather conditions

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While many businesses suffer during bad weather conditions, restaurants that offer delivery services in Waverly show the opposite, John Weichman, general manager of Waverly Dominos Pizza, said.

At Dominos, dinner time is the busiest time of the day, Weichman said.

Despite the temperature being near zero degrees, his team keeps receiving call after call.

In Waverly alone, Weichman said during bad weather conditions his workers can deliver 80 to 100 orders.

"Whenever there is bad weather like we just had last week, we are extremely busy," Weichman said.

He also said the tips usually double.

"Our customers are awesome. They are very appreciative," Weichman said.

Jimmy John's also shows the same pattern during bad weather conditions.

Store owner Gary Grace said his restaurant has more delivery orders than in-store orders.

"When it's cold and snowy out, people do not like to get into their cars and warm them up or deal with trudging across icy sidewalks," Grace said.

During bad weather conditions, he said his store can deliver 70 to 80 sandwiches compared to 50 to 60 deliveries on a normal day.

Though there is a lot more to deliver during bad weather, both Grace and Weichman said their driver's safety is still their priority.

Waverly Patrol Chief Capt. Don Eggleston said this safety precaution applies to everyone who drives on icy roads.

"The most important thing is to make sure to slow down. Give yourself some reaction time," Eggleston said.

Both business owners agree their customers should take full advantage of their delivery services this winter.

Waverly businesses that offer delivery services see more success in the months of bad weather conditions. —**Rut Nastiti**/*TRUMPET*

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Frau Losch: Your professor and friend

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Most people know Wartburg German professor Yvonne Losch as Frau Losch.

Even though learning a new language is never an easy thing, she strives to make it fun.

Frau Yvonne Losch

"Her energy that she brings to the classroom is the thing that I enjoy the most," Bennett Moser, a third year Wartburg student said.

"She is my first class of the day... it's just fun to start off with a class that is really energetic and the teacher really likes what she's doing so that makes it a lot of fun."

Losch was born in New York, but she said she was raised in a German household.

"We celebrated German holidays together, we would sing German songs, we celebrated German Christmas, German food. It was very much a part of my identity as I grew up," Losch said.

Losch has been teaching at Wartburg College for nearly 30 years, but she said she does not plan on leaving the college anytime soon.

"What kept me here is the students, basically," Losch said.

"They were my life. They strive, they're responsible, there's a kindness in them."

"She tries really hard to learn everyone's names as soon as she can and it's just nice to have a teacher that wants to get on more of a personal level with you," Moser said.

Losch said that she loves being a professor at Wartburg College.

"It gives my life meaning, it gives my life structure and I love interacting with kids, with grown-up kids, little kids too," Losch said.

"I've learned a lot from her: about teaching, about the importance of working with students, but all the different ways you can approach not just teaching, but life. And so she has really enriched my life."

—Dr. Joyce Boss

Losch's positive outlook on life has inspired many faculty, staff and students at Wartburg to do the same.

"I've learned a lot from her: about teaching, about the importance of working with students, but all the different ways you can approach not just teaching, but life. And so she has really enriched my life," Dr. Joyce Boss, Wartburg College chair of English and modern languages, said.

Losch said over her years she has realized there is a lot to be thankful for.

"I'm thankful for friends, I'm thankful for kindness because isn't that everything?" Losch said.

Professor attends national meeting of astronomers

Professor returns from largest astronomy convention worldwide

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The American Astronomical Society meet to give astronomers the opportunity to share ideas.

Wartburg Professor of Physics and Astronomy Dr. Charles Figura returned to campus from the 225th American Astronomical Society's meeting in Seattle, Wash.

"It's a really fantastic experience," Figura said.

"I think probably one of the things I like most about it is being able to have the chance to go and communicate face-to-face with other astronomers."

The American Astronomical Society has the largest meeting of astronomers worldwide, Figura said. The group meet twice a year, once in winter and once in summer, and they have a couple thousand astronomers ranging from Ph.D.s to undergraduates.

At the meeting, astronomers come to present new information that has been found, Figura said.

"What is being presented is research of some form or another. So maybe it's observations, which is a lot of what I will present," Figura said.

"Theorists will present their work on a theoretical framework for explaining what we see."

While attending these meetings, Figura said he found the presentations on extra solar planets, those that are outside our solar system, very interesting.

"The research in that area has just been growing at a very prodigious rate," Figura said.

"We have not been just finding more and more planets, but also finding them faster and faster...We have even been finding some that are closer to 'Earth-like' than what we found originally, which were all more 'Jupiter-like.'"

"We critique each other, but we also give each other ideas on new ways to proceed."

—Dr. Charles Figura

Figura said when he returns from these meetings he tries to bring his experience to students in his Science for Society class and his Astronomy class.

"With my Science for Society class, the big idea I want to bring back and share is 'This is how science is done. This is how we communicate our ideas,'" Figura said.

"We critique each other, but we also give each other ideas on new ways to proceed."

While most people think a scientist's goal is to support their hypothesis, it's actually the opposite, Figura said.

"That's where the interesting science is. When you find a problem, that's where you have the chance to learn something new and that sums up a lot of what scientists try to do in general," Figura said.

In Figura's Astronomy class, he said he shows a chart of the current number of exoplanets found. Exoplanets are planets that orbit a star outside the solar system.

"It's very exciting to see [the chart] because I keep track semester after semester to see how the number of exoplanets we have found not only increases, but increases faster," Figura said.

Wartburg students are allowed to attend these meetings if they wish to learn more about astronomy, Figura said.

"I have not taken students yet, but it is definitely on the radar of something I'd like to do."

If you would like to learn more about the American Astronomical Society's meetings or about what the experience is like, contact Figura at charles.figura@wartburg.edu.

Dr. Charles Figura

The American Astronomical Society met in Seattle, Wash. on Jan. 4–8. At the event were many presentations from researchers explaining their findings in the field, such as new planets. —File Photo

Blood drive helps save lives

Wartburg hosted the American Red Cross on Jan. 14 in the chapel.

Students, faculty and staff members on campus were given the chance to save a life by donating their blood.

This blood drive was the first donation event of the year. The American Red Cross usually holds two donation events every year.

According to redcrossblood.org, every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood and donating one pint of blood can save up to three lives.

There will be another blood drive in the future also sponsored by the American Red Cross.

American Red Cross comes to Wartburg for students to give blood to people who need it more. According to redcrossblood.org, more than 41,000 blood donations are needed every day. —**Alyssa Noble**/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg 'lacks toughness' in up-and-down defeat

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For as good as its offense was, Wartburg's defense struggled too often to prevail victorious.

Despite 12-of-23 3-point shooting, Simpson handed the Knights a 77-70 defeat, their third in four Iowa Conference women's basketball contests, in front of 700 people at Levick Arena on Saturday.

"We were bad defensively," Wartburg head coach Bob Amsberry said. "We fouled way too much. Missed assignments, missed communication."

The last breakdown came when Simpson got an offensive rebound, one of six in the final six minutes, after Bobbie Burrows cut the lead to 71-68 with a 3-pointer with 1:43 left.

MacKenzie Haupt drove and had her shot rejected by Burrows, then had her pass deflected out of bounds with one second on the shot clock.

But Britney Boland slipped to the elbow and knocked down a wide-open jumper to give the Storm a two-possession 73-68 advantage with 30 seconds remaining.

Simpson hit 24-of-32 free throws for the game and had four players in double figures, led by Haupt with 18. Britney Hedrick had 13 points, Boland 11 and Maddie Bosworth 10.

"In the first half, it was fouls. We didn't contain the drive very well and were in bad position," Amsberry said. "I thought in the second half that we did a lot better job, but then it started over."

Simpson used an 11-2 run out of the locker room to take a six-point lead.

Wartburg stayed within striking distance, then used a 10-2 run to take a 60-58 lead on two Burrows free throws following two straight Kristie Sommer 3-pointers.

Haupt put the Storm in front 61-60, Boland and Burrows traded 3-pointers, then Haupt got in the paint again and converted a 3-point play to give Simpson a 67-63 advantage with 3:28 remaining.

Burrows had a game-high 20 points, hitting 4-of-8 3-point attempts.

Kristie Sommer also made half of her eight 3-pointers for 12 points, and Kailey Kladivo contributed 15.

Katie Sommer knocked down two first-half 3-pointers and Wartburg compiled 10 points on 12 offensive rebounds against Simpson's zone defense.

"(Burrows) hit some big shots for us, which we need, especially against a zone," Amsberry said.

The Storm earned 14 free-throw attempts in the first half and knocked down 12 taking a 26-22 lead with 5:22 to go.

Wartburg later responded with a 7-0 run, capped by two Kladivo baskets inside to take a 36-32 lead.

Wartburg's Kristie Sommer and Simpson's Morgan Mauro traded 3-pointers to end an exciting, up-and-down first half with the Knights in front, 39-38.

Kailey Kladivo goes up for a jumper against two Storm defenders in the Knights' 77-70 loss against Simpson Saturday. Kladivo had 15 points, six rebounds and one block in the game. — **Alyssa Noble**/*Trumpet*

The Storm came into Saturday with a balanced offense; only Rachel Kaale was averaging above 10 points.

Despite their variety of weapons, Amsberry was upset with his team's defensive effort in allowing Simpson to shoot 50 percent from the field.

"It's on us," Amsberry said. "I don't take anything away from Simpson because they attacked us like they should have, but we lacked toughness and were not competing well enough on defense."

Track and field opens season with wins

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The indoor track and field season is back. And like many meets during Marcus Newsom's tenure, Wartburg completed a sweep in its home opener, Wartburg Relays, Friday night.

The sixth-ranked women scored 243 points and won 11 events while the 18th-ranked men totaled 196 points and seven event victories.

In the women's competition, the second place team, Simpson, came in 163 1/2 points behind Wartburg, with 79 1/2 points.

Following Simpson, Buena Vista tallied 59 points, then Dubuque with 52 1/2, and finally William Penn at 17 points.

On the men's side, second place was earned by Simpson with 99 points. Dubuque took third with 81 points. Fourth and Fifth places went to William Penn (38) and Buena Vista (37), respectively.

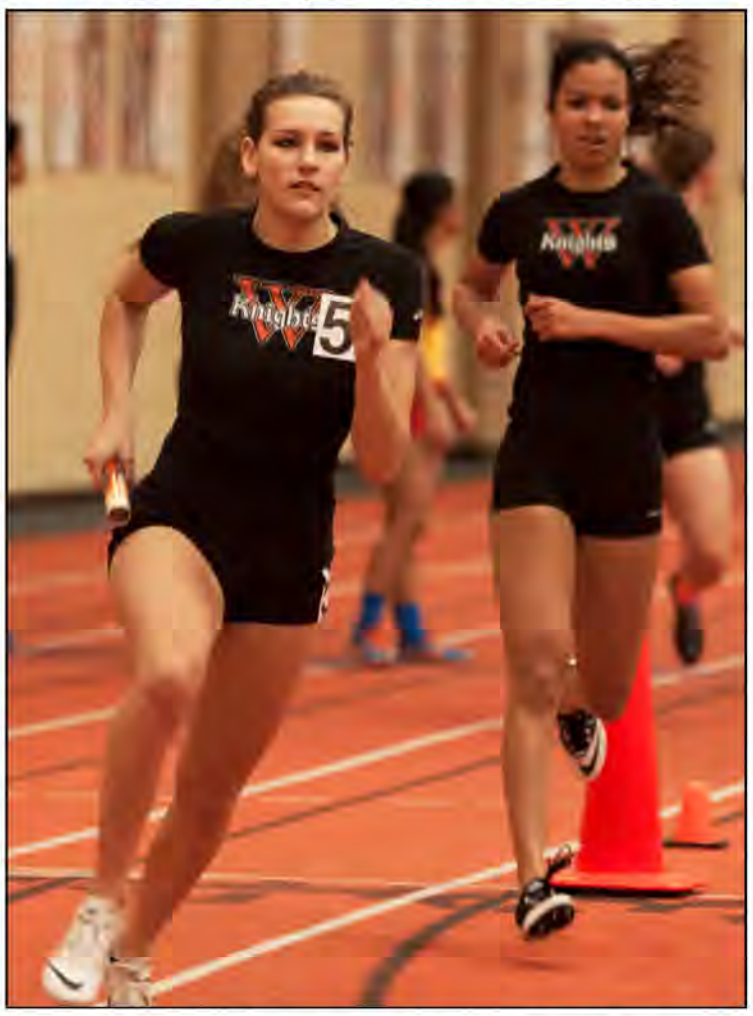
Kayla Hemann and Colt Feltes each won both the shot put and the weight throw.

Other individual winners included Erica Dynes (60 meter dash), Mary Wrage (high jump), Michelle Johnson (pole vault) and Alex Gilmore (60 meter hurdles).

Wartburg's women swept the relay races with victories in the 4x200, 4x400, 4x800, 4x1600, sprint medley and distance medley.

The men were victorious in the 4x400, 4x1600, sprint medley and distance medley.

The Knights return to Hoover Fieldhouse next Saturday, Jan. 24, for the newly named Chelsey M. Henkenius Open, in honor of the 2014 Wartburg alumna and former track and field athlete who was killed in a car crash Dec. 27.



Elizabeth Duehr takes the baton from teammate Taylor Officer during the 4x400 relay, part of the Wartburg Relays held in Hoover Fieldhouse Friday night. Wartburg's team A took first in this event with a time of 4.03.71. Wartburg's team B took second place in 4.07.33. This was one of 18 total Wartburg victories. — **Alyssa Noble**/*Trumpet*

Height and weight at Wartburg

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In the world of sports, an athlete's height and weight composition can make all the difference.

Athletes spend hours working to build strength and working on their body composition.

The publishing of an athlete's height and weight as a part of the roster has been a common practice for college sports websites throughout all divisions.

"The coaches are able to get all of the information they need. Posting height and weight online makes it more accessible to players and fans who want the information," Travis Gudenkauf, a Wartburg soccer player, said.

The Wartburg athletic website only provides the height and weight information for some athletic teams.

Men's basketball and football display both height and weight, while baseball only provides height. Cross country, track and field, golf, wrestling and soccer do not show either.

Wartburg Sports Information Director KatieJo Kuhens, said there is a reason why Wartburg shows athletes' heights and weights for certain sports.

"It really depends on how the website is built. I can always add it in though. If the coaches have it on their sheet, I will put it in there," Kuhens said.

The information provided is different for men's and women's sports, Kuhens said.

"No weight is ever published for women's sports," Kuhens said, "That is just a conference rule and a general rule."

There are many differences between the different divisions of college sports.

The University of Iowa publishes height and weight for a larger number of their athletic teams.

Kuhens says that Division I schools can post more information due to the amount of work involved for staff.

"At Wisconsin there are 12 sports information directors, whereas here there is just me. With the 20 teams and 650 student athletes, I just take what the coaches give me and post that," Kuhens said.

An athlete's height and weight have different impacts on different sports.

In a sport like cross country or golf, the size of an athlete is not as instrumental, compared to a sport like football or basketball.

Wartburg football player Alex Harmer said the opponent's size is an important factor.

"Sometimes we will look at the other team's linemen to see how big they are," Harmer said.

While in some other sports, the opponent's size is not always a concern.

"It is not a big deal to me at all. I don't pay attention to it. I focus on my play. I don't let the other team affect what I do," Gudenkauf said.

Milestone victory

Wartburg beats Simpson for Peth's 500th career win

Wartburg President Darrel Colson (left) and Athletic Director Rick Willis (right) present men's basketball head coach Dick Peth with a congratulatory basketball to mark his 500th career victory. Peth has coached the Knights to 279 wins in his 18 seasons. — Alyssa Noble/*TRUMPET*

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Wartburg men's basketball coach Dick Peth celebrated his 500th career win after defeating Simpson 74-57 Saturday night.

Peth is in his 18th season as the men's basketball coach at Wartburg. In his time at Wartburg, Peth has accumulated a 279-185 record.

Before coming to Wartburg, he was the head coach at the University of Denver.

Peth said that he was less excited by his own achievement than he was with the opportunity to earn this win with his team.

"I'm just really glad that I can share it with the guys in that locker room. They mean so much to us," Peth said. "We are family; Wartburg basketball family. It's just a great group of guys and I love being around them on a daily basis."

Wartburg and Simpson hit three 3-pointers in the early going, with the Knights taking a 6-5 lead via outside shots from Jordan Cannon and Nick Webber.

The two teams continued their back-and-forth battle for the majority of the first half.

Simpson's Vaughn Wilson dunked the ball with 5:58 left in the first half to give Simpson their last lead of the game at 25-24.

Wartburg then went on a 10-point run over the Storm, beginning with a free throw from Jordan Cannon and ending with another three from Webber, pushing the score to 35-25.

Simpson put up a 3-pointer from Ryan Skaar before the end of the half, ending the half 35-28.

The second half began with a layup from Clay Cook, setting the Wartburg lead to nine.

After that, the Knights slowly began to lose their lead.

The Storm managed to dwindle the Knights' lead to two within the first four minutes of the half after Gretsky went on a solo tirade with a layup, two free throws, a 3-pointer and a dunk. In that time, Wartburg managed one layup.

Cannon turned the momentum back in the Knights' favor after hitting a three off an assist from Webber.

Wartburg increased its lead to nine before Simpson slowly gained on them, cutting it to three with 10:40 left on the clock.

The Knights put the game away in those last 10 minutes by going on a 24-10 run, including two straight 3-pointers from Nate Woeste, and the final six free throws to give the Knights their last six points and the 74-57 win.

Peth believes in a complete team win.

"We don't step on the floor thinking any one single guy is going to dominate," Peth said. "We have to play as a team, and when we play as a team and have four guys in double figures that's when we seem to play best."

That's exactly what Peth got in this game as four guys hit double-digit points in the game.

Cannon led the team in points with 20, including five 3-pointers.

Woeste hit 9-of-9 free throws, two 3-pointers and a layup for a total of 17 points in the game.

Webber and Cook both put up 15 points. Cook tallied his fourth double-double of the season with 15 rebounds.

The Knights improved to 10-5 on the season and 3-1 in conference play, tying them for the top spot with Buena Vista and Coe, both of which Wartburg plays this week.

"We need to make sure that we are paying attention to detail," Peth said. "I think we have a tendency to just play and react to things. I would like to see us be more assertive on both sides of the floor."

UPCOMING SCHEDULE
Wednesday
W Basketball at Coe (6 p.m.)
M Basketball at Coe (8 p.m.)
Saturday
Wrestling vs. Buena Vista (10 a.m.)
Wartburg T&F Open (10:30 a.m.)
Wrestling vs. Central (Noon)
Wrestling vs. Dubuque (2 p.m.)
W Bball vs. Buena Vista (6 p.m.)
M Bball vs. Buena Vista (8 p.m.)

IIAC MBB STANDINGS		
Buena Vista	3-1	10-5
Wartburg	3-1	10-5
Coe	3-1	9-6
Dubuque	2-2	12-3
Central	2-2	9-6
Loras	2-2	7-8
Simpson	1-3	6-9
Luther	0-4	4-11

IIAC WBB STANDINGS		
Luther	4-0	14-1
Coe	3-1	10-5
Dubuque	3-1	9-6
Loras	3-1	9-6
Simpson	2-2	12-3
Wartburg	1-3	10-5
Central	0-4	9-6
Buena Vista	0-4	5-10

SIECK RECEIVES IIAC AWARD
Former Wartburg volleyball player Ramey Sieck was named the 2013-14 Johanna Olson Iowa Conference Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Sieck graduated Magna Cum Laude in May 2014 with a 3.75 grade point average as a biology major with a Spanish minor.

Sieck was a two-time IIAC volleyball MVP as a setter, leading the Knights to two straight conference championships and NCAA tournament appearances.

"There is a commitment, a humility and desire to be and give her best to others that makes her special," Wartburg co-head coach Doug Frazell said in a news release. "People trust her, respect her and follow her...She listened to others, respected their opinion and had the ability to bring people together toward a common goal."

CATCH UP ON THE KNIGHTS
If you missed any Wartburg sports over the last month, including the wrestlers' NWCA National Duals championship, check out wartburgcircuit.org to get caught up. Keep logging on for updated news, highlights and reaction.

Newly-No. 1 ranked Wartburg beats rival in return home

Wartburg's Kaz Onoo works to takedown Luther's Brian Burchett during a 14-2 major decision Friday night. — Alyssa Noble/*TRUMPET*

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Wartburg was coming off of its fifth consecutive National Duals championship and came out victorious over No. 19 Luther, 24-9, in its return home to Levick Arena.

"Winning the dual title was big," Wartburg head coach Eric Keller said. "We have to go defend the Iowa conference title. Every one of these duals is the Iowa Conference championship."

Starting things off at the 125-pound weight class Jake Agnitsch came out on top of Julian Gendreau by a 13-0 major decision.

Up next was Wartburg's Connor Campo and Luther's Evan Obert. Obert overtook Campo in a close overtime thriller, 7-5.

Going on to win the next three matches were Kaz Onoo by a major decision, 14-2, Kenny Martin by a major decision, 14-8 and Drew Wagenhoffer by a decision, 8-4.

At 165 pounds Wartburg's Nick Michael took on Luther's Blake Letney. In close fashion, Letney came out on top by a score of 7-5.

Getting three more team points for the Knights, Brandon Welter won by a 7-2 decision over Justin Kreiter.

Using the point for riding time, Luther's Jayden DeVilbiss beat Wartburg's Devin Peterson 13-12.

The Knights finished out the night with a pair of wins from Gerard Roman by a score of 9-0 and Ben Nagle at heavyweight by a score of 5-2.

As the Knights look forward, Keller wants the team to simply get better.

"There are a lot of little things we are missing on," Keller said. Some of it match strategy, some technical things and we have to fight for seven minutes."